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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-9.

Please add new claims 10-15 as follows:

10. (New) A therapeutic composition usable for tissue repair comprising:

- (a) a biologically compatible implant; and
- (b) a peptide associated with said implant, said peptide having cell binding which is enhanced with respect to collagen.

11. (New) The therapeutic composition of claim 10, wherein said biologically compatible implant comprises a polymeric hydrogel.

12. (New) The therapeutic composition of claim 10, wherein said peptide is selected from Gly-Thr-Pro-Gly-Pro-Gln-Gly-Ile-Ala-Gly-Gln-Arg-Gly-Val-Val (SEQ ID NO: 1), Gly-Pro-Gln-Gly-Ile-Ala-Gly-Gln-Arg (SEQ ID NO: 2), Gln-Gly-Ile-Ala-Gly-Gln (SEQ ID NO: 3), Gln-Gly-Ile-Ala-Gly-Gln-Arg